

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 425
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor Betty Wilhelm on receiving the
Highland Rim Democratic Committee's "Mrs.
Democrat" award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that elected representatives of the state of Tennessee
should recognize those Tennesseans who have given many outstanding years of
dedicated service to their respective political parties; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wilhelm is one such remarkable woman who deserves much
praise, as well as the commendation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilhelm is a native of Coffee County and has served with
distinction as a teacher at Coffee County New Union School for the past twenty-six
years; and

WHEREAS, she received the Kiwanis Club's "Outstanding Young Educator" in
1974 and was named 1996 4-H Teacher/Leader in recognition of her expertise and
dedication in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Lloyd and Hazel Bryan, Betty Wilhelm has been
happily married to Coffee County Executive James Wilhelm for twenty-four years, and
she is the mother of Jamie Wilhelm, who attends Middle Tennessee State University;
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WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilhelm received both her undergraduate and master's degrees at Middle Tennessee State University and is listed in "Who's Who in America"; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Coffee County Women's Democratic Committee, and she renders valuable assistance to the campaigns of many Democratic candidates during election years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilhelm is a devout Christian and evinces her strong belief in the Lord through her membership at Manchester Presbyterian Church, where she serves on the Christian Education Committee and helps with the Junior Choir; and

WHEREAS, she serves adroitly on the board of directors of the Arrowheads to Aerospace Museum, and has previously served as treasurer of the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilhelm has been fondly described by nominating committee members as "a person who has always come through when she is called upon"; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor Betty Wilhelm; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Ms. Betty Wilhelm on receiving the Highland Rim Democratic Club's "Mrs. Democrat Award", commend her upon many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Democratic party and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Betty Wilhelm, with this final clause omitted from such copy.